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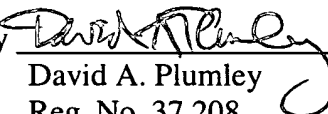
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-7, 9-13, and 31-34 have been examined. Claims 20-30 have been canceled pursuant to the examiner's invention restriction of November 22, 2005. Claims 8 and 14-19 have been withdrawn pursuant to the examiner's species restriction of November 22, 2005.

In the June 23, 2006 Office action, the examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-7, 9-13, and 31-34 for non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting based on co-pending Application Serial No. 10/393,294. With this response, applicant submits a Terminal Disclaimer signed by its attorney of record. Consequently, claims 1-7, 9-13 and 31-34 are allowable. However, applicant also requests the allowance of withdrawn claims 8 and 14-19 which all depend from allowable claim 1. It is noted that claim 1 is generic to all three species restrictions in the November 22, 2005 Office action.

If the examiner has any remaining questions, she is asked to contact applicant's counsel at the number below.

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